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The response filed on 03/10/03 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the Applicant's representative election on claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-12, 14, 15 and 20 is not proper because the independent claims 1 and 20 do not read on Figure 1. Figure 1 do not disclose mechanical interfaces dimensioned to engage a second mechanical interface disposed on a second ring-like segment. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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